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Title: DATA ACQUISITION FOR
MAGNETIC RESONANCE
IMAGING TECHNIQUE

RESPONSE AND
AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment responds to an Examiner's Office Action in the above-
referenced case mailed on August 13, 2001 setting a shortened statutory period for
response of three months.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following section entitled "ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE"

A method and apparatus are provided for acquiring a series of images of a patient using an imaging device as a single injection of contrast material is passed through the patient's vascular system. The method includes loading a plurality of parameter sets into the imaging device and sequentially advancing through the plurality. Image data is collected for each parameter set in the plurality. A delay period can be used in between image collection steps to allow a patient to exhale and inhale. Following collection of all image data, the image data is processed to produce the series of images of the patient.

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